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Comments on [REDACTED] "Problems", 10 December 1964

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1. [REDACTED] was assigned to the CS to prepare the name trace exercise. Last week he told me what terrible shape the CS records system was in, and urged that briefings should be given senior people in the CS on records matters, noting that such briefings in the past had not been particularly successful. Now he has presented [REDACTED] with a statement of problems relating to the course--but not to the name trace exercise. I submit that this is none of his concern; and that we are not answerable to [REDACTED] for any of the questions he raises.

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2. As for the points he raised:

- (1) entrance requirements are not necessary. If it seems advisable in certain cases, CI/IRD and others can call the requesting desk to inquire about experience of the person, and need for the training.
- (2) a name tracer is a person who does name traces or who supervises persons who do nametraces.
- (3) the supervisor will assume--rightly, I hope,--that the student is better qualified to do name traces than before taking the course.
- (4) name tracers are persons who do name traces. If [REDACTED] wants to insure that only "operationally experienced, operationally mature" people do name traces, he should try to persuade the DD/P to accept this policy and implement it. (In any case, [REDACTED] is wrong on this point.).

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25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] definition of "doing a name trace" is equally out-of-focus. We are targetted on name tracers, not supervisors.

25X1A9a (6) Re [REDACTED] paragraph 7--we are trying to teach the name tracers how to do a name trace, with as much of the why as necessary.

25X1A9a (7) Re [REDACTED] paragraph 8--"My own self is at stake here." If he can't prepare the exercise, then let's agree he can't, and put somebody on the job who can.

(8) Re his paragraph 9--there has been no intention, as far as I know, to assign grades. I assumed that we would do

as we have done in the ROC--the students would either complete the course or they wouldn't. We should keep book on who has completed the course--in case we ever need the information.

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